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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5, 7-9, 11, 13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28-31, 33, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 46-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 43, 45, 56 and 57 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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BASIS FOR REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(c) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

NON-STATUTORY SUBJECT MATTER

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 28-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is based upon the fact that applicant's disclosure at page 37, paragraph [0091], appears to indicate that the "machine accessible medium" can involve any of the methods of Figures 11-13 where these methods clearly can encompass computer programs. Such programs are non-statutory and accordingly, the claims are deemed thus because there is no clear indication in the specification that the medium is a tangible computer readable medium. See MPEP 2106 IV B 1(a) and *In re Beauregard*, 35 USPQ2d 1383 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

REJECTION OF CLAIMS OVER PRIOR ART

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11, 13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28-31, 33, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 46-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Toutant (4,878,368). Toutant shows

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where a measured angle between the surfaces 26 and 27 of the material 20 is sensed by detectors 28, 29, 30 and 31 with the flare characteristic of the angled surfaces being changed automatically by varying the position of roller 92. As to claim 9, see column 4, lines 58-66, for a description of the proximity sensor. See the first paragraph of column 4 and the paragraph bridging columns 10 and 11 where a tolerance is ascertained and used in the adjustment of the roller 92. As to claim 13 and those similar claims, see Figure 5 where the angular position of the roller 92 is adjusted about the pin 111. Storing of the roller position within the memory is clearly inherent in the operating of Toutant's machine. See Figure 7 where the material 20 is shown to be C-shaped. As to claim 52, see the paragraph bridging column 8 and 9 and the first two full paragraphs of column 9.

INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 43, 45, 56 and 57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

PRIOR ART CITED BY EXAMINER

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

RESPONSE BY APPLICANT(S)

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Applicant(s) response to be fully responsive and to provide for a clear record must specifically point out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references, both those references applied in the objections and rejections and those references cited in view of the state of the art in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (a), (b) and (c).

INQUIRIES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner D. Crane whose telephone number is (571) 272-4516. The examiner's office hours are 6:30AM-5:00PM, Tuesday through Friday. The examiner's supervisor, Mr. Derris Banks, can be reached at (571) 272-4419.

Documents related to the instant application may be submitted by facsimile transmission at all times to Fax number (703) 872-9306. Applicant(s) is(are) reminded to clearly mark any transmission as "DRAFT" if it is not to be considered as an official response. The Examiner's Fax number is (571) 273-4516.

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